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43. The composition as claimed in claim 42, wherein said natural gum is a non-derivatized guar gum, cationic guar gum, non-cationic guar gum or mixtures thereof.

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47. A homogenous liquid composition comprising

at least one oil,

a polyacrylamide polymer and

an oil thickener which is silicon based,

with the proviso that there is less than 10% water present in the composition.

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51. A homogenous liquid composition comprising

(a) at least one oil,

(b) a polymeric deposition agent and

(c) an oil thickener which is silicon based,

with the proviso that the polymeric deposition agent is not a polyacrylamide polymer and

with the proviso that there is less than 10% water present in the composition.

See the Appendix for the changes. The terms underlined were added to the claim and the terms bracketed were canceled from the claims.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendment and following remarks. Support for amended claim 29 can be found in the original claims 29 and 36. Support for amended claim 42 can be found in claims 38 and 41. The applicants have corrected a typographical error with respect to the dependencies of claim 43 as correctly pointed out by the Examiner. Applicants appreciate the Examiner pointing out this typographical error. Support for amended claim 47 can be found in claim 49. Support for amended claim 51 can be found in claims 38, 41 and 47.

The applicants thank Examiner Lovering for the interview that was conducted on August 28, 2002. The applicants discussed amending claims 29, 47 and 51 to require an oil thickener